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SUBJECT: SOVIET SOYBEAN IMPORTS; 76/77 GRAIN COMMITMENT

REF: (A) STATE 080936; (B) FASTO 79

1. SUMMARY: AGATTS MET APRIL 13 WITH EXPORTKHLEB OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS STATUS OF CURRENT YEAR SOYBEAN DELIVERIES AND 1976/77 GRAIN COMMITMENT. DELIVERY OF ALL BEANS, US AND BRAZILIAN, IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION NO LATER THAN MAY. CURRENT GRAIN PURCHASE COMMITMENTS UNDER AGREEMENT WERE PUT AT 6.15 MILLION TONS. END SUMMARY.

2. AGATTS REVIEWED WITH TWO EXPORTKHLEB OFFICIALS SOYBEAN EXPORT SALES DATA REPORTED REF FASTO. OFFICIALS SAID THAT THESE NUMBERS LOOKED ABOUT RIGHT, BUT WOULD CONFIRM THEM BY PHONE LATER. THEY VOLUNTEERED THAT DELIVERIES WERE RUNNING A LITTLE BEHIND SCHEDULE DUE DIFFICULTIES ON THE US END, BUT THEY EXPECTED DELIVERY ON ALL CONTRACTS BY MAY. WHEN ASKED IF THIS MEANT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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END OF MAY, THEY REPLIED, "NO THE 20TH, OR MAYBE EARLIER."

3. OFFICIALS STATED THAT ALL BRAZILIAN BEANS, "ABOUT 800,000 TONS," WERE ALSO DUE BY MAY. THEY WERE UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER BEANS LISTED AS OPTIONAL ORIGIN WOULD BE BRAZILIAN OR US.

4. SOVIETS DENIED ANY RESALE OF US BEANS TO WESTERN EUROPE.

5. AGATTS NOTED SLIPPAGE IN USSR GRAIN COMMITMENTS INDICATED IN RECENT EXPORT SALES REPORTS. EXPORTKHLEB OFFICIALS SAID THEY WERE UNABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR THIS SINCE COMMITMENTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT "CONTINUE TO BE 6.15 MILLION TONS, INCLUDING 3 MILLION WHEAT AND 3.15 MILLION CORN."

6. COMMENT: SOVIETS ARE, OF COURSE, FULLY AWARE OF CURRENT TIGHT BEAN SITUATION AND EVIDENCED A LITTLE CONCERN ABOUT GETTING THEIR CONTRACTS DELIVERED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN PROBABLYE 1977 US SOYBEAN ACREAGE, CITING THE LESLIE REPORT WHICH, WE WERE TOLD, INDICATES PLANTINGS WILL BE UP NEARLY NINE PERCENT. WE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY ASK ABOUT NEAR-TERM SOVIET BUYING INTENTIONS, BUT TONE SEEMED TO BE THAT NO MORE BEANS WOULD BE CONTRACTED OUT OF 1976 CROP.
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